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Conservative leader and Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper holds 11-month-old Georgia Soudas, as she reaches for her mother Elizabeth Soudas, wife of Harper's press secretary Dimitri Soudas, before he boards his campaign plane in Ottawa yesterday.

For more campaign coverage, including Lawrence Martin's election analysis, see page 6.

Election won't be child's play: Harper

Tory leader downplays majority chances in 'tough' race

Moments after Prime Minister Stephen Harper triggered a federal election for Tuesday, Oct. 14, he downplayed prospects of a majority win, saying even a stronger minority government is a prize worth going to the voters a year early for.

"I'm in this election to win. We believe it's going to be a tough election. We believe it will be a tight election and yes, we believe it will be, in all likelihood, it will be a minority," he said.

He denied his decision to pull the plug was motivated by opinion polls showing the Conservatives may be in reach of a majority.

Early run

• Harper's Conservatives previously passed legislation that set Oct. 19, 2009 as the fixed date for the next general election.

Harper said at a time of global economic uncertainty, "we have come to a moment that requires the people of Canada to choose."

He urged voters to look at the immediate economic picture and the question of "competent leadership."

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion called Harper's government "the largest spending government in Canadian history. But ... they govern for the next day, the next poll, the next election. Never do they govern for the next generation."

Dion promised his plan to tax carbon fuels, excluding gasoline, would lessen taxes on hard-hit individuals and industries.

NDP Leader Jack Layton urged voters to "say goodbye to the George Bush era in our own conduct abroad."

"Stephen Harper announced he is quitting as prime minister, so today I'm announcing that I'm applying for his job," he said.

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Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe pitched his party as the key to blocking a Conservative majority.

He slammed Harper as an ideologue who quit the UN's Kyoto treaty on climate change and who is waging a war on culture in Quebec.

Green Leader Elizabeth May called on voters to flex their muscle to fight climate change, "child poverty, world peace and nuclear disarmament."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HOV lanes going in the wrong direction: Chabot

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At a time when city politicians are trying to drive people from behind the wheel, it's a move that seems to be running down the wrong street, according to one city alderman.

A motion, authored by Ald. John Mar, seeks council's support today to explore High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes as a means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and reducing the city's ecological footprint, but Ald. Andre Chabot said it's a counter-intuitive move that may have the opposite effect.

"I'd much rather see dedicated Bus Rapid Transit lanes..." Ald. Andre Chabot

"We're trying to move people away from their cars by encouraging transit and I'd much rather see dedicated Bus Rapid Transit lanes than anything to do with the automobile," Chabot said. "What's going to happen here is you'll wind up reducing vehicular commute times and in effect discouraging people from using transit."

Chabot said HOV lanes may only be applicable on "one or two" city streets and the term high occupancy, which currently refers to more than one person per vehicle, might need to be changed as it won't have near the same effect as people boarding a bus to get where they're going.

"I know they use these types of lanes in other cities, but I just don't see it working here," said Chabot.

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Green courier 'greases' the wheels

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

BUSINESS Two entrepreneurial Mount Royal College students are doing some green shifting of their own.

Earth's Courier is a brand new delivery service in Calgary that uses innovative methods to literally run their business: They power their vehicles on restaurant grease converted to biodiesel.

Kyle Eakins, president of the company, said it's 75 per cent cleaner than regular diesel and the only drawback is a minor loss in power. The by-product of the new fuel is glycerine, a sugary substance, which can be used for making soap.

"It's really exciting to come across that step," he said, adding the Beehive in Kensington will have the cleanser, made from their waste, on shelves soon.

Between solar-powered office spaces and hemp-based business cards, Gabriel Laos, vice-president, and Eakins hope to see the same steady increase in business they've seen and keep their prices competitive.

"Calgary's kind of the last place you'd think of (for environmental friendliness)," Laos said, but adds Calgarians are embracing the idea.

'Wedding' turns deadly

Source says event was actually a rave in disguise

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An apparent rave turned deadly early yesterday, with one man killed and another three sent to hospital with gunshot wounds.

Blasts broke the music around 3:20 a.m. inside the Albert Park Radisson Heights community centre at 1310 28 St. SE, with one dead from gunshot wounds on the floor when police and EMS arrived, said Insp. Keith Pollock.

Another man inside was transported to hospital with serious, non-life-threatening injuries, and police found an injured man behind the building. A third person called 9-1-1 around 4 a.m. away from the hall with injuries sustained at the party, Pollock said.

A source said it was supposed to be a small wedding reception of 16 people and a request was made to remove all but four tables. The source, close to the community association, said she's certain the event was a rave, and prior assertions of a wedding cover story happen all the time.

"If we would have known it was going to be for a rave, we would have said no way," the source said, adding two DJs were flown in from Toronto. "Unfortunately, what they said turned out to be a ploy to pull the wool over our eyes, making us believe it was for one thing, when all along it was for another."

The hall was booked by the same couple, who appeared to be brother and sister, for an 80th birthday celebration on Oct. 11.

Police are interviewing multiple witnesses, trying to pin down suspect descriptions.

ROBIN KUNISKI FOR METRO CALGARY

Investigators are probing the shooting death of one, with three others also injured by gunfire after a suspected rave at a southeast community centre yesterday morning.

'Out of the blue' hoarding fees revisited

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CONSTRUCTION It was a costly way to get their attention.

Less than three months after instituting what amounted to a 415 per cent increase for downtown hoarding fees, Calgary's city council will revisit the issue today, eyeing rates in the 15 to 25 per cent range after an outcry from city construction firms.

Calgary Construction Association senior vice-president Bob Robinson said the initial move was made without industry input and caught developers by surprise.

"There's nothing you can do to prepare for a hike like that, especially when the bills come in virtually out of the blue," Robinson said.

Ald. Ric McIver, a driving force behind the hike after fielding hundreds of constituent complaints, said the move succeeded as a wake up call for construction firms who have tied up sidewalks and traffic lanes for far too long.

Artists add some colour to park

NATURE Curious runners were treated to an art gallery right on their pathway yesterday afternoon.

At the first annual Art in the Park, around 25 local artists gathered at Fish Creek Park and invited community members to join in for an appreciation of nature whether it was through music, sculpting, painting or glasswork.

"A park is a pretty inspiring place," said Carey Booth with visitor services at the park.

Organizer Patsy Drummond with Alberta Parks said this was one of several upcoming events to encourage residents to appreciate nature.

For more events visit www.fishcreek.org

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What's online today.

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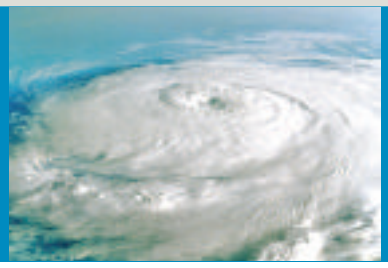

East coast dealing with Hanna

Residents of Newfoundland are preparing for heavy rains and high winds as the remnants of tropical storm Hanna approach the island. Environment Canada said the storm would hit the southwest corner of the province last night. Those areas can expect 40 to 60 millimetres of rain with winds gusting to 60 km/h.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

Soldier killed, seven injured

Afghan roadside bomb claims 97th

A Canadian soldier was killed and seven were wounded yesterday when their armoured vehicle struck an explosive device while on patrol in southern Afghanistan, the military announced.

Sgt. Prescott Shipway of Shilo, Man., was the 97th Canadian soldier killed since Ottawa sent troops to Afghanistan in late 2002.

Sgt. Prescott Shipway

Three Canadian soldiers were killed Wednesday when their armoured vehicle was attacked by Afghan militants.

Canada's top soldier Chief of Defence Staff Lt.-Gen. Walter Natynczyk has called a recent jump in attacks on his troops worrisome.

The seven soldiers who were wounded yesterday were reported to be in good condition, according to a statement from the Department of National Defence.

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Halifax **Canadian Snowbirds**

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Canadian Snowbird Capt. Sean Hanson and the rest of the Snowbirds executive a steep, banking turn during a flyover ahead of the Halifax International Airshow. Metro Canada's reporter Paul McLeod captured all the action while along for the ride. The airshow, scheduled to run all weekend, was cut short as the tail end of Hurricane Hanna passed through the region.

NDP gets jump on PM's Google ads

POLITICS The New Democratic party has purchased ads on Google searches for Stephen Harper, the Conservative Party, Stéphane Dion, Liberal Party, Gilles Duceppe, Bloc Québécois, Elizabeth May and the Green Party.

What's the value of a name? Well, $6, for Stephen Harper. That's how much the NDP is paying each time someone clicks on the Jack Layton ad after entering the prime minister's name in Google's search engine.

News in brief

DRUGS A Canadian research study has found a new drug formulation that would allow diabetes patients to administer treatments once a week, instead of a current twice-daily routine. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Poll puts Tories on top

In an Ekos poll released yesterday, the Conservatives topped the survey with 37 per cent followed by the Liberals (24), NDP (19), Greens (10) and Bloc Québécois (6). METRO NEWS SERVICES

Election 2008

Who will shake things up?

Leaders in the spotlight must offer something new for Canadian voters

LAWRENCE MARTIN
for Metro Canada

As the election begins, Canadians have a wish. Surprise us somebody. Give us something to get excited about.

Poll after poll has shown a public turned off by ugly democracy, by the cheap games, by politicians on the low road.

The leader who can offer a turning of the page will be the one who gains.

Thus we see Prime Minister Stephen Harper offering a new look. He's coming on as Mr. Happy Face. After two and a half years of being labelled a control freak and a bully, he's going soft. Check the the doting-dad TV ads. "I play a lot of card games with my kids," he intones. "We go to movies."

Good work, pop!

The PM wants it to be a person campaign more than an issue campaign. One reason is his higher leadership ratings. Another is that his government lacks a big accomplishment. There's been some middling stuff — a GST cut, some refurbishing of the military, anti-crime legislation and national unity gestures. But on what many see as the big four issues — the economy, the environment, health care, the Afghan war — there's not a lot for the Conservatives to boast about.

News analysis

The election will likely pivot on the performance of Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion. If he significantly exceeds his terribly low expectations, it will be a horse race. If he conforms to his drippy image, the NDP will make gains, the Green party could win seats and Team Harper will romp to a majority.

Dion has to sell his Green Shift as a tax break as opposed to a tax grab. He has to come across as crisp and firm in his convictions. Yesterday, he tried reaching out to Quebec, where he is in big trouble, with a big new appeal to Quebec nationalists.

Like the others, NDP Leader Jack Layton is also shaking things up. Tired of third party status, he says he is now shooting for the No. 1 spot.

Harper isn't trembling in his boots over those delusions of grandeur. His only fear is the longshot chance that Dion rises from the dead.

In the last campaign, Harper entered the race, like Dion today, with a lowly image. He surprised many with a steady, competent performance. He got lucky and he won.

Lawrence Martin is a Globe and Mail correspondent/columnist. He's authored 10 books and writes about national affairs from Ottawa.

Jack Layton

Stephen Harper

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News in brief

SECURITY NDP Leader Jack Layton had some extra minders as he launched his election campaign yesterday —RCMP officers who will act as his bodyguards until the Oct. 14 vote. The opposition leaders are usually given police protection during elections out of fear that being in the spotlight could provoke some unwanted attention.

NOISE Stephen Harper unveiled his election bid on the scenic grounds of Rideau Hall with a fountain as a backdrop. But first they had to shut off the fountain so the noise of the burbling water wasn't caught on the microphones.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

36 days remain until the 2008 Canadian federal election

Opposition parties will have a tough task this election, professor predicts

JEFF CUMMINGS
Metro Canada

Federal candidates for the New Democrats and Liberals will have a tall mountain to climb in Alberta for the fall election, says an Edmonton political scientist.

If there are any ridings that could change from Tory blue, however, they are in Alberta's capital, said Chaldeans Mensah, a political science professor at Grant MacEwan College.

"It's in the Edmonton area where the Liberals have some hope in getting one or two seats, but the problem here is the vote splits between the opposition parties," said Mensah.

Tory blue

- All of Alberta's 28 seats in the House of Commons are Tory blue.
- Every incumbent in the Capital Region is seeking re-election except Edmonton-Sherwood Park MP Ken Epp and Edmonton-St. Albert MP John Williams who are both retiring from politics.

"It's a huge problem, but if it looks like we are headed for a Conservative majority or minority, we will be heading with the voters here (in Alberta) sticking with the party."

Mensah said the Liberals do have a chance in upsetting Tory MP Rob Anders in Calgary West and after a strong campaign in the Edmonton Strathcona riding in 2006, NDP candidate Linda Duncan does have a chance at getting a seat.

Name familiarity will also help candidates during this election — another reason why voters could be electing NDP candidate and former Alberta MLA and NDP leader Ray Martin in Edmonton East.

"Name recognition is very important, but in Edmonton East, the party has a history of doing well there where there has been a traditional base of support for the party," said Mensah.

Mount Royal College political scientist Duane Bratt said the environment and economy should factor large in election debates across the country, but Alberta needs to brace itself for dry times on the hustings.

"The election is going to be boring in Alberta," said Bratt. "It's going to go (28-0) Conservatives."

Wavering by Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion won't help forge any inroads, either, Bratt said, as he's threatened since spring to bring down the government, including at the Calgary Stampede, but has since committed an about-face.

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Retiring

Foreign Affairs Minister David Emerson won't be seeking re-election on Oct. 14.

Familiar faces won't return

GOODBYE A partial list of MPs who won't be running in the fall election:

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Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay-Superior North)
Norm Doyle (St. John's East)
David Emerson (Vancouver-Kingsway)
Ken Epp (Edmonton–Sherwood Park)
Brian Fitzpatrick (Prince Albert)
Loyola Hearn (St. John's South-Mount Pearl)
Betty Hinton (Kamloops–Thompson–Cariboo)
Brian Pallister (Portage-Lisgar
Carol Skelton (Saskatoon–Rosetown–Biggar)
Monte Solberg (Medicine Hat)
Myron Thompson (Wild Rose)
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Roy Cullen (Etobicoke North)
John Godfrey (Don Valley West)
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U.S.-India nuclear pact inches closer to reality

The Bush administration took a major step toward enacting a nuclear deal with India Saturday, when the 45-nation Nuclear Suppliers Group blessed a U.S. proposal to lift a global ban on nuclear trade with India. Now, congressional approval is the last step to the deal. REUTERS

World

Pirates captured

An unidentified warship off pirate-ridden Somali waters captured 14 pirates and destroyed their boat yesterday. Boat hijackings and hostage-takings have become common in the area. The pirates are currently holding over 130 crew members. REUTERS

Pakistan elects Zardari

VOTE Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of former Pakistani prime minister Benazir Bhutto, swept to victory in a presidential election on Saturday.

Investors and foreign allies hope the election will bring some stability after months of political turmoil and rising violence. The uncertainty has dragged stocks and the rupee sharply lower.

A former businessman, Zardari is close to the United States and has stressed commitment to the unpopular campaign against militancy.

Underscoring the problems he faces, a suicide car bomber killed at least 30 people in an attack on a police post in the northwestern city of Peshawar that same day..

Nearly 70 people were found injured, and still more people were buried under the rubble of nearby buildings. REUTERS

Threads of state draw buzz

Wives of U.S. presidential candidates in style spotlight

Cindy McCain or Michelle Obama for the White House? Among fashionistas, the wives of presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama are drawing the kind of enthusiasm Nancy Reagan and Jacqueline Kennedy once attracted.

Sarah Palin

While Obama won fans for wearing a $150 dress on talk show The View, McCain drew attention for her expensive tastes; one outfit she wore at the Republican National Convention this week was estimated to be worth $300,000.

Vice-presidential hopeful Sarah Palin, who took part in beauty pageants in her youth, has also generated some buzz.

"That's a different look, because you have to look a little bit more serious and professional," said Mickey Blum, director of survey research at Baruch College.

The consensus at New York Fashion Week was both potential first ladies have style.

But most designers in the traditionally Democratic-leaning industry would rather dress Obama, who scored her second inclusion in Vanity Fair's annual International Best Dressed list this year,

"I am in the fashion industry, I live in New York — I'm probably not going to go for McCain to dress," designer Rebecca Taylor said.

"Michelle is really fresh and she could sort of go where Jackie O went given the right sort of tools and grooming," she said. "I think it could be nice for America to have somebody who's a little bit more stylish as their first lady." REUTERS

Palin meets press

- Sarah Palin will begin her first string of national media interviews likely starting Thursday or Friday this week, beginning with Charlie Gibson of ABC.

California **Hang 20**

REUTERS/MIKE BLAKE

A dog shakes off some water while catching a wave at the 3rd annual Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon in Del Mar, Calif., yesterday.

Civilian deaths from air strikes rising: Report

AFGHANISTAN The U.S. has stepped up its use of air strikes in Afghanistan, increasing civilian casualties, the New York-based group Human Rights Watch said in a report yesterday.

Civilian deaths due to air strikes in 2007 totaled 321, almost tripling the 2006 count, the report said. In the first seven months of 2008, at least 119 civilians were killed in air strikes

They added the increase has led to "large numbers of civilian casualties, controversy over the use of airpower in Afghanistan, and intense criticism of U.S. and NATO forces by Afghan political leaders and the public." REUTERS

News in brief

CAIRO Egyptian workers cut through a railway embankment yesterday to bring heavy equipment to the site of a rock fall which killed at least 34 people in a Cairo shantytown. Giant rocks rolled off a nearby cliff onto houses and people Saturday, some weighing more than 200 tonnes.

LIBYA Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, hosted U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice for a Ramadan meal this week, a symbolic gesture to try to end decades of enmity. The two discussed a wide range of issues and exchanged gifts in a small kitchen on a compound that had been bombed by U.S. planes in 1986. REUTERS

Ike hits Cuba and Haiti, nears Gulf

STORM Hurricane Ike roared ashore in northeastern Cuba yesterday with 120 mph winds, torrential rains and massive waves that rolled through coastal towns. Ike's eye came ashore near Punta Lucrecia, about 510 miles southeast of Havana, after adding to deaths in Haiti and ripping through the southern Bahamas on a path to the Gulf of Mexico.

Crashing waves ahead of the Category 3 hurricane with 120 miles per hour winds swept inland in the coastal state of Baracoa, flooding low-lying areas and causing rivers to back up over their banks.

Ike began what forecasters said could become a two-day trek through the heart of Cuba, which is still reeling from the onslaught of Hurricane Gustav.

Cuban officials said over 1 million people had been evacuated in a matter of hours yesterday.

Before heading to Cuba, Ike dumped more heavy rain on Haiti, where at least 47 people have died in the town of Cabaret.

Roofs were ripped off and power lines were knocked down at Great Inagua, the Bahamas' southernmost island, and Britain's Turks and Caicos islands.

Forecasters said Ike would likely enter the Gulf of Mexico, potentially threatening New Orleans. The Florida Keys islands have been evacuated as a precaution. REUTERS

Gaining steam

- Forecasters expected Ike to weaken to a Category 1 storm on the five-step Saffir-Simpson intensity scale over Cuba but to regain Category 3 strength as it nears the U.S. Gulf coast.

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Hurricane Ike threat stalls Gulf oil recovery
The recovery of U.S. offshore oil and natural gas production stalled yesterday as producers began preparing for a hit from dangerous Hurricane Ike, which is forecast to enter the Gulf of Mexico as early as Tuesday. REUTERS

Business

Farmers suspend protest

Indian farmers who have blocked the construction of a car plant by Tata Motors said they were suspending their protest after the government promised to return some land, officials said yesterday. The dispute forced India's top vehicle maker to suspend work late last week at the plant where it planned to build the Nano, billed as the world's cheapest car. REUTERS

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New CAW head blasts Tories

POLITICS Ken Lewenza, who was named the new president of the Canadian Auto Workers, has roasted the federal Conservatives for their handling of Canada's beleaguered manufacturing industry and ignoring thousands of laid-off workers for three years until last week.

Lewenza was unanimously elected by about 500 CAW delegates at a special convention in Toronto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Counterfeiting pact creates worry

A proposed anti-counterfeiting pact has some intellectual property experts concerned it will lead to intrusions into the lives of innocent people, including border searches of music players and laptops by customs agents looking for illegally obtained material.

The Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2008, is currently being negotiated among several countries.

"Consumers have not been invited into this process. It's a handful of industry and there's no balance."
Susan Sell

The treaty is supported by the movie and music industry and other businesses which have sought to to defend their works from counterfeiting, commercial piracy and illegal copying over the Internet.

The treaty will not require approval by the U.S. Senate.

All this worries Susan Sell, director of the Institute for Global and International Studies at George Washington University. "Consumers have not been invited into this process. It's a handful of industry and there's no balance," she said. REUTERS

Cash Flow Expert to Reveal North America's Best Kept Investment Secret

by James Ryder
Financial Reporter

CALGARY – Why settle for 2 or 3% interest from your local bank, when you could be earning 16%, 18%, 24% and even up to 50% return on your hard earned money?

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I asked Mr. Thomas the obvious question. "If this investment system is proven like you said it is, then why haven't we heard about Tax Certificates?"

His answer was right to the point. "Stock brokers, financial planners and bankers aren't allowed to make commissions on them. Yet many bankers invest their 'surplus' money in Tax Certificates to enjoy the amazingly high returns. They pray they you won't learn what I'm revealing to you."

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Values stay true over the years

Advice and ideas from past decades are every bit as important for today's youth

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola

Now in the seventh decade of my life, I look back at the world of my childhood, with its shared phone lines, ice boxes, radio soap operas, and no television, and it seems like an ancient, lost civilization. And yet the ideas and values I learned as a child seem every bit as important for today's youth, for whom rappers, billionaires and movie stars are role models.

When I was a boy, my father was a bigger-than-life figure, a wonderful storyteller who enchanted people with his outgoing personality. He was my hero. He took me camping and fishing and instilled in me a love of nature and the outdoors. When he came home from work, he always asked me what I had learned in school, and as I recounted my lessons, he seemed genuinely interested, often amplifying my information or correcting me. I loved those sessions, and I now realize that he was reinforcing my education by making me recount what I had learned.

"You must stand up for what you believe in, but be prepared for people to be angry and to disagree. If you want to be liked by everyone, then you will stand for nothing."

Dad was my biggest booster, but he was also my harshest critic. When I began in television, he followed everything I did. More than once when he couldn't follow my narrative, he would call and bawl me out: "If I can't understand what you are saying, how do you expect someone who doesn't know you at all to follow your ideas?" To this day, I think of my father as my audience whenever I prepare a script or write a book.

My mother was the rock-solid foundation of the family. She was the first up in the morning and the last to bed at night, but unlike Dad, she did it quietly. I only understood how important she was as she developed Alzheimer's disease and I watched Dad struggle to fill her shoes. I begged him to allow me to hire help for him, but he declined.

"She gave her all for me," he said, "and it's my turn to pay her back."

Both my parents are now dead, and in my own dotage, I think about the important lessons I want to pass on to my children and grandchildren — and I realize they are the same lessons I got from Dad. I can't help think they are not quaint ideas from the past but very modern ones that we need desperately today.

"Respect your elders," he told me.

"Live within your means." This important lesson is embodied in the familiar expression, "Save some for a rainy day."

"You must stand up for what you believe in, but be prepared for people to be angry and to disagree. If you want to be liked by everyone, then you will stand for nothing."

Today's youth are bombarded with news about the antics of Lindsay Lohan, Amy Winehouse and Jay-Z and look to them for inspiration, but that's all the more reason to listen to the words of our elders.

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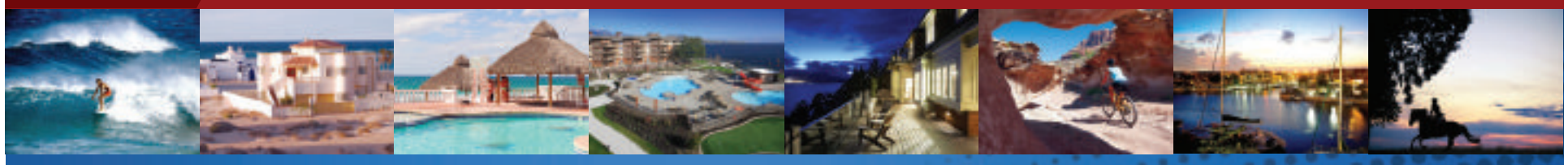

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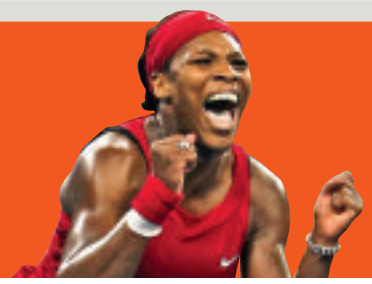

Serena claims U.S. Open title

American Serena Williams, left, won her ninth grand slam title by beating tenacious Serbian Jelena Jankovic 6-4, 7-5 in a high-quality U.S. Open women's final yesterday. The 26-year-old broke Jankovic three times to take the opening set before saving four set points in the second to seal victory in two hours four minutes and regain the world No. 1 ranking. REUTERS

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Stamps lacking consistency

Split with Esks leaves coach scratching their heads

DAN TOTH
for Metro Calgary

A split of back-to-back games against the Edmonton Eskimos has underlined a curious personality trait of the 2008 Calgary Stampeders.

Win, as they did Saturday night in Edmonton by a slim 38-33 margin, and the Stamps appear ready to fulfill their promise as Grey Cup contenders. Yet just five days earlier after losing the Labour Day Classic the same squad had head coach John Hufnagel convinced his team had made little progress through the first half of the CFL season.

"You've got to find a way to turn the switch on and as a professional player you're the person who turns that switch on," said Hufnagel, reflecting on the two-game series with the team's provincial rivals.

Hufnagel

"The coaches can put a plan together and maybe do some motivational (speeches) but the players have to prepare themselves from the beginning of the week to do what they have to do on game night."

In the Labour Day loss the Stamps defence failed to apply sufficient pressure on Esks quarterback Ricky Ray, who enjoyed one of his best passing game's against the Red and White. A few days later in Edmonton, a furious pass rush put Ray on the ground five times while forcing an interception.

The Stampeders also showed a resiliency in Edmonton that they failed to unearth a few days earlier at McMahon Stadium. Despite fumbling away a touchdown on their opening play from scrimmage, Calgary charged back on their next possession to tie the game.

"We've talked all year about facing adversity and having the peaks and valleys of a game, of a season, and being able to handle that," said Hufnagel, whose 6-4 team is tied for second in the West Division.

"If want to be any good, and the jury is still out, but if we want to become good we have to handle those situations on a consistent basis."

Injuries have also become a growing concern as a throng of Stampeders were in the trainer's room on the weekend receiving treatment. While QB Henry Burris managed to play in Edmonton despite a nagging turf toe injury, the most worrisome wound is to R Nik Lewis, who has been playing through a painful rib injury. Other injured players include R Ryan Thelwell (ribs), LB JoJuan Armour (knee), RB Joffrey Reynolds (back) and OL Jeff Pilon (undisclosed).

Sports in brief

NFL New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady might be done for the season after suffering a left knee injury in yesterday's 17-10 win over the Kansas City Chiefs. Yahoo! Sports, citing a source on the team, stated that Brady suffered ligament damage to the knee and will miss the rest of the season.

GOLF Colombian Camilo Villegas claimed his maiden PGA Tour title with a two-shot victory over Dudley Hart at the BMW Championship yesterday. Villegas sealed the win at the Bellerive Golf Club with a nervy final round two-under 68 and a winning total of 15-under 265.

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Dogs can 'catch' human yawns, study suggests
A pioneering experiment has demonstrated that dogs can "catch" human yawns, just as yawns can be contagious among people. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

"Some people see their pet as an extension of themselves."
– GEORGE VAN HORN

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Pets enjoy a pampering boom

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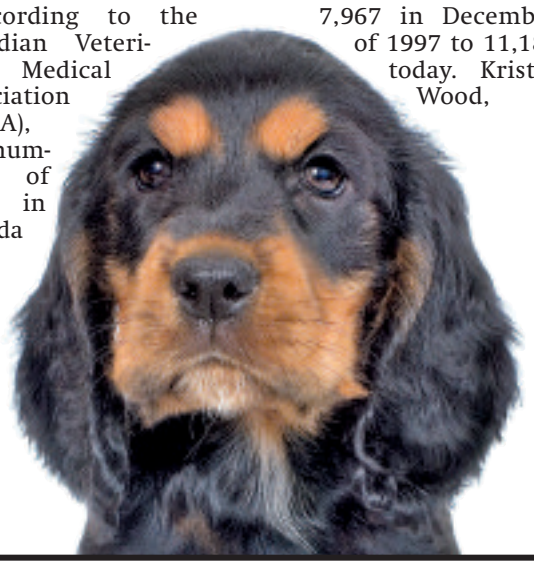
With an estimated value of $43 billion in the United States and $4 billion in Canada, the pet industry is creating more jobs than ever for fans of fluffy, furry critters.

A recent study by market research firm IBISWorld Inc. showed that veterinary services, pet pampering services and specialty pet products have grown steadily in the last nine years. IBISWorld senior analyst George Van Horn says employment figures at pet stores and veterinary clinics have increased an average of three to five percentage points every year since 1999 and one to two per cent in the pet grooming and boarding industry yearly over the same period, with similar proportional gains in revenue.

"People are taking better care of their pets and putting more money toward maintaining better lifestyles for their pets because they feel an attachment to them," Van Horn said.

According to the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), the number of vets in Canada grew from 7,967 in December of 1997 to 11,186 today. Kristin Wood, a spokesperson for the CVMA, says the growth of veterinary care shows that more pet owners than ever are demanding health services as good as they themselves receive, and pet clinics are responding.



"Pet owners are increasingly requesting the same quality of care for their pets as they expect for themselves and their family. Advances in veterinary medicine allow veterinarians and their health-care teams to offer that elevated level of service and care," Wood said.

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In April 2007, when she was still getting all her pet detective skills in order, Vicky Vaughan ran into a woman at the Dartmouth, N.S., SPCA who had just lost her cat. "I asked myself: 'Should I, or shouldn't I?' Then I looked at her face and my heart broke," recalls the 43-year-old.

Vaughan and her husband Mario Audet drove to the woman's house that night. Vaughan got her beagle Dakota on the cat's scent and ten minutes later he found kitty hiding under a shed two doors down. "That told me this is the right thing to do," says Vaughan.

Only six months before that, Vaughan first heard about animal response technicians while watching Dogs with Jobs on TV. Who would help if one of her two cats were to go missing? "If no else is going to do it, I'm going to do it," she quickly decided. She flew down to California in October 2006 and took a course through Pet Hunters International (now called Missing Pet Partnership) that taught her how to use CSI-like techniques to find lost pets.

Back at home, Vaughan adopted Dakota from the pound and trained him to find her cats; first indoors and then hidden outside. She read up on cat behaviour and psychology.

After that first successful find, Vaughan put up her website Petdetective.ca and let word of mouth — much of it through the SPCA — find her work. She charges $175 per job and puts all her earnings back into the company. So far, she's found 65 pets and has an 80-per-cent success rate.

The gear and the dog are important, but so are her detective skills. She starts every search by interviewing the pet's owner to better understand how far it may have gone, how it will react if trapped and whether it's even tough enough to take up with a feral colony.

Vaughan gets calls from all over Nova Scotia and Canada as there are only two licensed pet detectives in the country. "I'd like to do this full time. I'd like to see it offered across Canada."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Pet Detective
Salary: $175 per search
Education/Training: A five-day course offered by US-based Missing Pet Partnership
Best Part of the Job: "When the animal is home and everyone's happy, you just don't get better than that."
Worst Part of the Job: "When you just can't find the pet and you don't have any answers and the animal's probably deceased."

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Spider-Man returns
Spider-Man actor Tobey Maguire is close to agreeing to a deal to return for two more films in the comic book franchise, according to reports. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

Entertainment

Real gossip
Connie Meester, mother of Gossip Girl's Leighton, is writing a memoir, according to E!, reportedly including details of Leighton's birth while Connie was in jail. TVGUIDE.COM

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Rock'n'roll ripped off

Sounds Like Teen Spirit: Stolen Melodies, Ripped-Off Riffs, and the **Secret History of Rock and Roll**

Author: Timothy English
Publisher: iUniverse Star
Price: $16.95 US (Paperback)

In this unique take on popular music history, English assesses nearly 100 recognizable songs and the compositions that "inspired" them, explaining the reasons behind the strong similarities. English takes on both obvious and even legally-proven sound-alikes, such as The Rolling Stones' Anybody Seen My Baby and k.d. lang's Constant Craving, and slightly more surprising pairs, like Bob Marley's Buffalo Soldier and the theme from an obscure 1960s children's show. In doing so, English shows us the less glamorous side of songwriting — the external pressures to write a hit, lawsuits and the struggle for originality in today's overpopulated music business

Ashley Petkovski/for Metro Canada

BookPicks

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box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the weekend, according to studio estimates.

- 1. Bangkok Dangerous ($7.8 million US)
- 2. Tropic Thunder ($7.5 M)
- 3. The House Bunny ($5.9 M)
- 4. The Dark Knight ($5.7 M)
- 5. Traitor ($4.7 M)
- 6. Babylon A.D. ($4 M)
- 7. Death Race ($3.6 M)
- 8. Disaster Movie ($ 3.3 M)
- 9. Mamma Mia! ($2.7 M)
- 10. Pineapple Express ($2.4 M)

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Rick McGinnis
WILL RETURN

Britney returns one more time

On-again, off-again queen of pop takes home VMA alongside Dolls, Linkin Park

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

The MTV Video Music Awards went Hollywood last night for an evening invasion of Tinseltown at Paramount Studios.

Flashy entrances were the order of the day as German alt-rock outfit Tokio Hotel pulled up in a deliciously over-the-top monster truck, while hip hop singer-songwriter T-Pain, not to be outdone, arrived riding an elephant.

Despite the cavalcade of stars, the excitement around these VMAs centred around one thing: Britney Spears' return to television.

Last year's gloriously horrifying implosion, where a chubbed-out Britney looked strung out and confused as she fumbled her way through an unrehearsed performance, was hard to top.

As it turns out, Britney's nail-biting return was a bit of a letdown. The former queen of pop came briefly onstage to start the show and nervously flubbed her one line — "anniversity" is not yet a word in any English dictionary.

She did look fit and sober, however, and in a shocking turn of events that is sure to be debated hotly, took home the show's Moonman statues for Best Female Video, Best Pop Video and Video of the Year for her song Piece of Me. Rigged? Replay her acceptance speeches and make your own judgment.

Other winners included Chris Brown for Best Male Video, Lil Wayne for Best Hip Hop Video and Tokio Hotel for Best New Artist.

American Idol winner Jordin Sparks made the faux pas of the evening by insinuating people who don't wear abstinence promise-rings are sluts — to which acerbic host Russell Brand later jibed, "A little bit of sex occasionally never hurt anybody."

Former Guns N' Roses guitarist Slash's appearance onstage to present the award for Best Rock Video was a bit jarring — not because of his age, but more because the weathered rocker's artistic credibility felt strangely out of place at the same show where lipsynch queen Ashlee Simpson graced the stage.

KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

Britney Spears accepts the Best Female Video award for Piece of Me onstage at the MTV Video Music Awards yesterday.

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critics'corner

Canadian Country Music Awards
Mention Canadian country music artists, and most fans in the States will think, "Shania Twain." But there's plenty of homegrown talent north of the border making music that's more than a little bit country, and the best of them are honored at this gala from Winnipeg. Terri Clark, a nominee for female artist of the year, hosts the festivities. Newcomer Jessie Farrell leads the pack with seven nominations, including the Fans' Choice Award. 8 PM on CBRT

NFL Football
A new era begins for one of the NFL's marquee franchises when the Packers host the Vikings to begin a "Monday Night Football" doubleheader. For the first time in 16 seasons, the Pack will start a game without quarterback Brett Favre, whose soap opera of an offseason ended with a trade to the Jets. Aaron Rodgers, welcome to the pressure cooker as Favre's replacement. The second game pits the Broncos and Raiders battling in Oakland. 5 PM on TSN

Spears' mom denies sending Palin baby gift

Actress Jamie Lynn Spears' mother Lynne has denied reports she sent U.S. vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin's pregnant 17-year-old daughter Bristol a baby gift package on behalf of her daughter. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Allen speaks about spat with John

PEOPLE Lily Allen has spoken out about her spat with singer Elton John at a London awards show last week, People.com reports.

"Elton John and I are friends," the pop star writes in a new entry on her MySpace blog.

The online posting refers to an incident when an apparently tipsy Allen clashed with John at the GQ Men of the Year awards ceremony, which the pair co-presented on Sept. 2.

As Allen, 23, introduced a segment as a "very special point in the evening," John, 61, said, "What, you are going to have another drink?"

Allen shot back, "F— off Elton, I'm 40 years younger than you."

On her blog, Allen also denies that she was disgracefully drunk, claiming that she did nothing wrong by taking advantage of the free booze.

"I'm not defending my drunkeness because I don't need to, I'm 23 it was an awards ceremony, I drank the free champagne, how awful of me," she writes.

She also blames the media for over-hyping the supposed feud.

"Trying to create a feud on the other hand, and trying to make me out as being some rude little girl with a drink problem is just unfair," she says. "Elton and I exchanged jokes and there were no hard feelings at all, in fact neither of us gave it a second thought."

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Stefani's life improved

CHILDREN Gwen Stefani says having a second child has helped make her marriage stronger, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer, who gave birth to second son Zuma Nesta Rock last month, revealed her relationship with her husband, singer Gavin Rossdale, has improved since they welcomed their new child.

"Gavin loves being a dad and he wants to have a bigger family, too," she said. "I feel we are closer in many ways now that we are building something together outside our own crazy relationship. We feel so blessed to be able to share this experience together and see how we have both become more romantic and caring for each other, simply because we have seen how beautiful it is to have come this far together and started a new chapter in our lives."

Stefani also has a two-year-old son, Kingston, with Rossdale.

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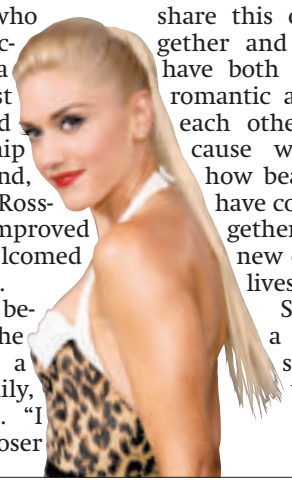

celebrity brief

Lohan turns down Playboy

PEOPLE Lindsay Lohan has turned down a $700,000 US offer to pose nude for Playboy magazine, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress posed nude as screen icon Marilyn Monroe in New York magazine earlier this year.

However, Lohan's representative reportedly told Playboy: "She's not going down the New York magazine road again."

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celebrity brief

Mendes seeing therapist

HEALTH Eva Mendes has sought out a therapist to help her deal with fame, imdb.com reports.

The actress, who checked into rehab for undisclosed reasons earlier this year, admits therapy has helped her become a better star, and a more charitable one.

"Up until recently, I was really uncomfortable with having success and enjoying it," she tells Eonline.com.

"I just couldn't deal with that: 'How can I have so much? It's not fair.'"

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Moore finds love again

RELATIONSHIPS Singer/actress Mandy Moore has dated several fellow stars, but she found her latest love interest outside the Hollywood scene: He's an artist named Andre, intouchweekly.com reports.

"She is really into him and loves that he's not famous," says a friend. Ever since the pair met at a party two months ago, they've been inseparable.

"They don't go out late and both like being at home. She also loves that he's down-to-earth," the friend says. "She glows when she talks about Andre."

The 24-year-old was last linked to singer Ryan Adams, but broke up with him in early July.

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celebrity brief

Brown, Rihanna not shacking up

RUMOUR Singer Chris Brown has denied reports he has moved in with girlfriend Rihanna, insisting he's too young to play house with the singer, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The pair sparked rumours they were engaged just last month after Rihanna, 20, was photographed wearing a diamond ring on her wedding finger, and now gossip columnists are hinting the couple is living together.

Speculation reached fever pitch last week when Brown revealed he was looking for a new home, but he now insists the place will be a bachelor pad.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Lindsay Lohan has reportedly turned down $700,000 US to pose nude for Playboy magazine. If you're scoring at home, that works out to roughly $1 per freckle.

At first glance, it would appear that someone with the surname Lohan has publicly exhibited a modicum of class, self-restraint, modesty and dignity. Normally, that would cause me to begin stockpiling canned goods in my basement and fashioning a tinfoil hat in anticipation of the end of the world as we know it.

But don't worry. These are the Lohans we're talking about. You know that 15 minutes after Lindsay turned down the offer, mother-of-the-millennium **Dina Lohan** was presenting younger sister **Ali Lohan** at **Hugh Hefner**'s door, complete with fake ID, and an offer to personally appear in the photo shoot at no extra charge.

My only question is how the drooling dean of defilement restrained himself from accepting.

I'm sure this is a case not of the principle, but of the price tag, being rejected. Lindsay must have been somewhat chuffed that the offer was less than seven figures, what with the sequel to Herbie, Fully Loaded certainly due to begin filming any day now.

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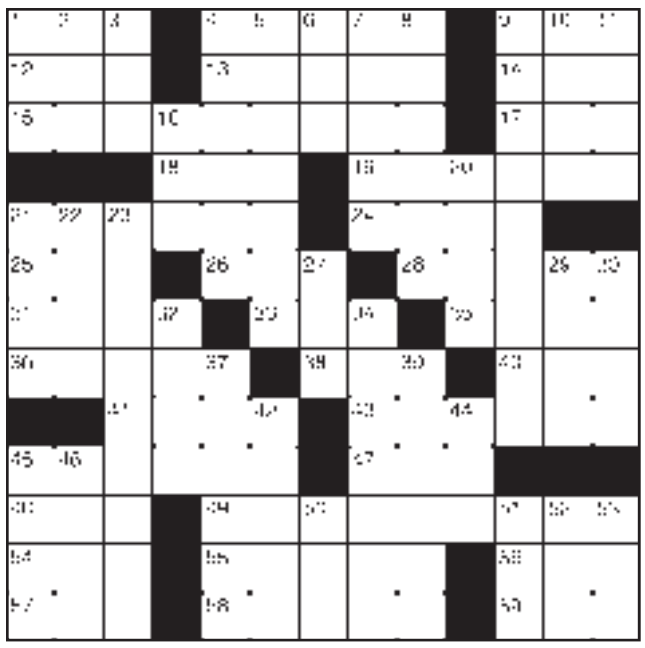
Lima makes acting debut
Supermodel Adriana Lima, right, will make her acting debut on an upcoming episode of Ugly Betty. Lima will be hired to pose on the pages of the show's Mode magazine's "sizzling hot issue." PEOPLE.COM

Take Five



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5 Loop member?
6 Blackbird
7 "— are red ..."
8 Logo
9 Card game for one
10 Admitting customers
11 Male deer
16 "Eewww!"
20 Make tea
21 Cuts the grass
22 From the beginning
23 Lawyer in London
27 Journal
29 Bridge
30 Weight
32 Verifiable
34 Whim
37 Landlord
39 Hot-water heater
42 Unemotional
44 Also
45 Get ready, for short
46 Took the bus
50 Cover
51 On the — vive
52 Samovar
53 Yang counterpart

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Crossword across

1 Shock partner
4 Perjurers
9 "Mayday!"
12 That woman
13 Bother
14 Choose
15 Egocentric's problem
17 Meadow
18 Vegas-based TV series
19 Receding
21 With face hidden
24 Kind
25 Yoko of music
26 Atl. state
28 Dog walker's tether
31 Ridge raised by a heavy blow
33 Sinbad's bird
35 Use a paper towel
36 Marble cake pattern
38 Tie up the phone
40 U.K. fliers
41 Pool hall supply
43 Powerful
45 Church VIP
47 Brazilian resort city
48 Deteriorate
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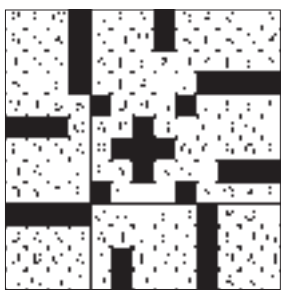
previous day's answer



Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Contact with nature has a stimulating effect. It might be to your advantage to make a drastic change. Listen to advice, but go your own way.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Shake off undesirable companions. An unhappy co-worker has harsh things to say. A crook is caught doing an evil deed.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
People are shocked when you appear to be stubborn. A love affair develops intensity. There's a surprise concerning money.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A fateful encounter with an authority figure takes place. Strong feelings help you come out of your shell. Take good care of a vulnerable person.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
An unwelcome guest provides a positive experience. You can start relating well to a cynical person. A fascinating package will arrive.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Listen intently to a long-winded optimist. Shocking news is heard of a vital work issue. Be there for a friend who needs help.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A surprise guest provides a feeling of relief. A member of a clique needs a doctor. A former enemy creates a happier atmosphere.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
It's dangerous to act rashly. Do deep breathing to calm down. An unselfish person cringes when you sound off.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
A foreign country has an impact on a controversy. Everyone you meet has an interesting story to tell. A neighbour is put on the spot.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Ancient emotional history goes through your mind. A complex mix-up leads to hurt feelings. Don't be coerced into making decisions.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A babbling fool makes contact and gives joy. Dealing with possessions causes a racket. The way to heaven is found by a kind person.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
Sometimes you just have to say yes and bring flowers. Make plans with a special person. Controversial news brings affairs at work to a climax.

This day in history

SEPT. 8, 1331: Stefan Dušan declares himself king of Serbia.
SEPT. 8, 1504: Michelangelo's David is unveiled in Florence.
SEPT. 8, 1831: William IV was crowned King of Great Britain.
SEPT. 8, 1966: The first Star Trek series premieres on NBC.
SEPT. 8, 1968: The Beatles perform their last live TV performance on the David Frost show.
SEPT. 8, 1974: Watergate Scandal: U.S. President Gerald Ford pardons former president Richard Nixon for any crimes Nixon may have committed while in office.
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Sudoku

	4	7				8	9	
			8		6			
8	3			9			4	1
		1	3		7	2		
7								6
		3	4		8	1		
1	8			7			2	3
			2		9			
	7	9				5	6	

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previous day's answer

5	9	6	8	4	1	3	7	2
1	3	7	9	2	6	4	8	5
8	2	4	3	5	7	1	9	6
4	8	2	5	6	9	7	3	1
6	1	9	4	7	3	2	5	8
7	5	3	2	1	8	6	4	9
2	7	5	6	8	4	9	1	3
9	4	8	1	3	2	5	6	7
3	6	1	7	9	5	8	2	4

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

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13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21. . . . . Smart
21-25 . . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practising

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Afternoon	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly cloudy. 18°	Variable. Low 4°	40% Showers. 15°/ 4°	Variable. 16°/ 1°	Sunny. 21°/ 4°

Temperature Normals
High: 18.4°
Low: 4.7°

Records
High: 31.1°/1923
Low: -4.4°/1928

Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.
Sunset: 8:04 p.m.
Moon does not set
Moonrise: 5:09 p.m.

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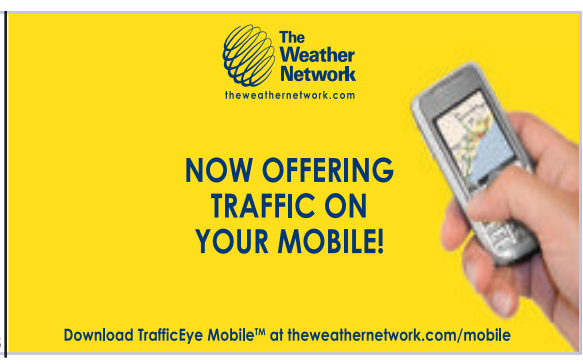

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